

FISCAL NOTE

SB 662 - HB 813

March 18, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities to create a program for persons who are uninsured or medically indigent to receive timely and appropriate non-emergency mental health care services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities would have to develop a program and fund pool. A basic benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures \$16,000,000. An expanded benefit package is estimated to increase state expenditures \$61,000,000.

Assumptions:

- In accordance with Public Chapter 812 of 2006, the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD), in conjunction with community mental health providers, service recipients, family members, and other appropriate state and local agencies, studied the options for access to non-emergency behavioral health services for uninsured individuals.
- For the report, "Options for Access to Non-Emergency Behavioral Health Services for Uninsured Tennesseans," cost estimates were developed for different behavioral health service models to cover 521,000 uninsured individuals.
- The cost estimates were \$16 to \$26 million for a basic benefit package and \$61 to \$91 million for an expanded benefit package.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director